

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NEW DE 15402 151454Z

44

ACTION SNM-02

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-05 IO-10

JUSE-00 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SY-04 TRSE-00 USIA-06 NSC-05

OES-03 OMB-01 AID-05 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 L-02 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 HEW-02 /076 W

----- 121066

R 151350Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5247

C O N F I D E N T I A L NE DELHI 15402

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL
ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 233134

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES ARE FOCUSED IN ENSURING A FAIR SHARE OF INDIAN LEGAL OPIUM EXPORTS FOR US PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS SITUATION. CURRENT US AND WORLD SHORTAGES OF MEDICINAL OPIUM ARE EXPECTED TO WORSEN NEXT YEAR SINCE INDIAN GUM OPIUM PRODUCTION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN CONSTANT OR EVEN SLIGHTLY DECLINE BELOW THE 1974 LEVEL. INDIA DOES NOT NOW SEEM TO BE A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF ILLICIT OPIUM LEAKAGE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. WE HOPE TO BEGIN A MODEST IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INDIAN POLICE OFFICIALS NEXT YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. GROWING INTERNATIONAL DEMAND FOR MEDICINAL OPIATES HAS ALREADY OUTSTRIPPED WORLD LEGAL PRODUCTION, CREATING A SELLERS MARKET FOR INDIAN OPIUM EXPORTS. WE ARE CONDUCTING FREQUENT DISCUSSIONS ON OPIUM PRICING AND EXPORT AVAILABILITY WITH THE INDIAN FINANCE MINISTRY IN ORDER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NEW DE 15402 151454Z

TO ENSURE THAT US PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES GET A FAIR

SHARE OF WHATEVER GUM OPIUM IS AVAILABLE. CURRENT US AND WORLD SHORTAGES OF MEDICINAL OPIATES WILL BE EXACERBATED NEXT YEAR, SINCE INDIAN GUM OPIUM EXPORTS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE INCREASED ABOVE THIS YEAR'S LEVEL. THE INDIANS ARE UNWILLING TO INCREASE POPPY ACREAGE FOR FEAR OF INCURRING SERIOUS CONTROL PROBLEMS, AND INTENSIVE CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY DEVELOPED. THE UN IS PROVIDING LIMITED ASSISTANCE IN INCREASING THE MORPHINE YIELD OF GUM OPIUM, BUT FEW RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR. ANY APPROACH TO THE GOI FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION AND/OR CHANGED METHODS OF PROCESSING WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE IF MADE MULTILATERALLY RATHER THAN BILATERALLY.

3. OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS SITUATION IN INDIA REMAINS THAT DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL INTERNAL LEAKAGE OF OPIUM, THE AMOUNT OF ILLICIT OPIUM FLOWING INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET IS NOT GREAT, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT MORE THAN A FEW KILOS OF INDIAN OPIUM REACH THE US ANNUALLY. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, SENSITIVE TO ANY INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS HERE, INSISTS THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN CONTROLLING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OR PREVENTING LEAKAGE INTO EXTERNAL CHANNELS. NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING PER SE IS OF LOW PRIORITY TO INDIAN POLICE OFFICIALS, WHO CONSIDER NARCOTICS AS A SMALL PART OF THE DOMESTIC AND COASTAL SMUGGLING OF ALL KINDS OF GOODS. WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS SITUATION IN INDIA, RELYING ON BOTH OVERT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION.

4. IN REGARD TO ILLICIT NARCOTICS, EMBASSY ACTIVITIES MAINLY INVOLVE UNOBTRUSIVE GATHERING OF INTELLIGENCE. WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND HASHISH OIL. WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC BEFORE WE CAN DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED IN THE ENFORCEMENT FIELD.

5. WE HOPE TO BEGIN A MODEST TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INDIAN POLICE OFFICIALS NEXT YEAR. WHILE THE GOI IS NOT WILLING

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NEW DE 15402 151454Z

TO SEND NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FOR TRAINING IN THE US, IT HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN NARCOTICS AND CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING WHICH CAN BE FITTED INTO EXISTING PROGRAMS. IF APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH A FEW LECTURES BY VISITING US EXPERTS AT THE GOI CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL.
MOYNIHAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG ABUSE, DRUG CONTROL, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974NEWDE15402
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740330-0623
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741140/aaaabhkd.tel
Line Count: 114
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SNM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 233134
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 AUG 2002 by kellew0>; APPROVED <14 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES
TAGS: SNAR, US, XX
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005